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Utah Named Best State for Worker Freedom
The Alliance for Worker Freedom Selects Utah as Top State

Salt Lake City – In its inaugural national report card on worker freedom, Washington D.C. based Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF) has given the State of Utah the highest grade in the nation. Utah, who continues to receive national accolades, was the only state to receive an “A” on the state grading index.

The AWF studied and compared each state by measuring the level of worker freedom and analyzing state policy and quantitative data. The report was based on ten variables: right to work, minimum wage, union density, paycheck protection, prevailing wage, defined contribution pension, collective bargaining rights, public sector union membership, entrepreneurial activity, and workers compensation.

The Alliance for Worker Freedom's report card will provide the public along with business and civic leaders a tool for engaging a state's commitment to serving its workforce by analyzing established working conditions and policies.

“We are honored to receive this exceptional grade,” said Utah Governor Jon Huntsman. “As our public and private industries continue to collaborate, we will retain and recruit the most talented, educated, and highly skilled workers for which our great State of Utah is known.”

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Editor's Note: The Alliance for Worker Freedom is dedicated to combating anti-worker legislation and the promotion of free and open labor markets. For the complete report, please visit: <http://www.workerfreedom.org>